

THE WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST—Oklahoma: Rain, followed by clearing and colder Saturday. Sunday fair.

TULSA, Dec. 31.—The temperature: Maximum 49, minimum 41.

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EXPORTS FALL OFF BUT PRICE TAKES A JUMP

Government Figures Show Inconsistency for Advance of Gasoline.

FEDERAL PROBE IS BEING CONDUCTED

Chemist Discovers Process to Obtain More Gasoline From Crude.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Official government figures made public here today disclosed that in the face of rising prices of gasoline, production of crude petroleum during the last year was greater than in 1914 although production was "purposely retarded as far as practicable"; that reserve stock of crude petroleum now being held in the country are the largest ever recorded and that exports of gasoline, to which the rise in prices frequently has been attributed, were in the last ten months of 1915 less than the exports during the corresponding period of the two years previous.

Both the department of justice and the federal trade commission are preparing to investigate gasoline prices. A statement issued by the geological survey estimated the 1915 production of market petroleum at 257,400,000 barrels, two thousand barrels more than in 1914.

Why the increase? "This," says the statement, "does not agree with the currently reported reason for the exceptionally high price now prevailing for motor fuel."

As a result of the overproduction of the petroleum industry by the excess output of 1914, the year 1915 may be characterized as a period of adjustment in which production was purposely retarded as far as practicable. The small increase, therefore, is more significant than the simple figures indicate.

Factors that might be expected to affect the price of gasoline, according to geological survey officials, are production, consumption and the price of crude petroleum. Consumption figures they said, were not available last year because consumption was increasing.

Soon Reach \$2.50. A low petroleum price level was reached in April and until August the price remained at \$1.35 a barrel for the market standard. When the price began to soar and on December 17 petroleum was selling at \$2.15. Indications now are, says the statement, that the price soon will reach \$2.50, its previous high record.

One production fact brought out by the survey is that crude petroleum stocks held in reserve, the largest ever known, increased fifty million barrels in 1915 and at present more than 220,000,000 barrels are being held. Field storage by producers accounts for 24,000,000 barrels of this.

Exports Drop. Export figures for the first ten months of 1915 show that gasoline exports dropped below the same period in 1914 and slightly below 1913. During the ten months ending with October, 98,471,466 barrels left the United States against 146,275,273 for the same period in 1914 and 199,352,871 in 1913.

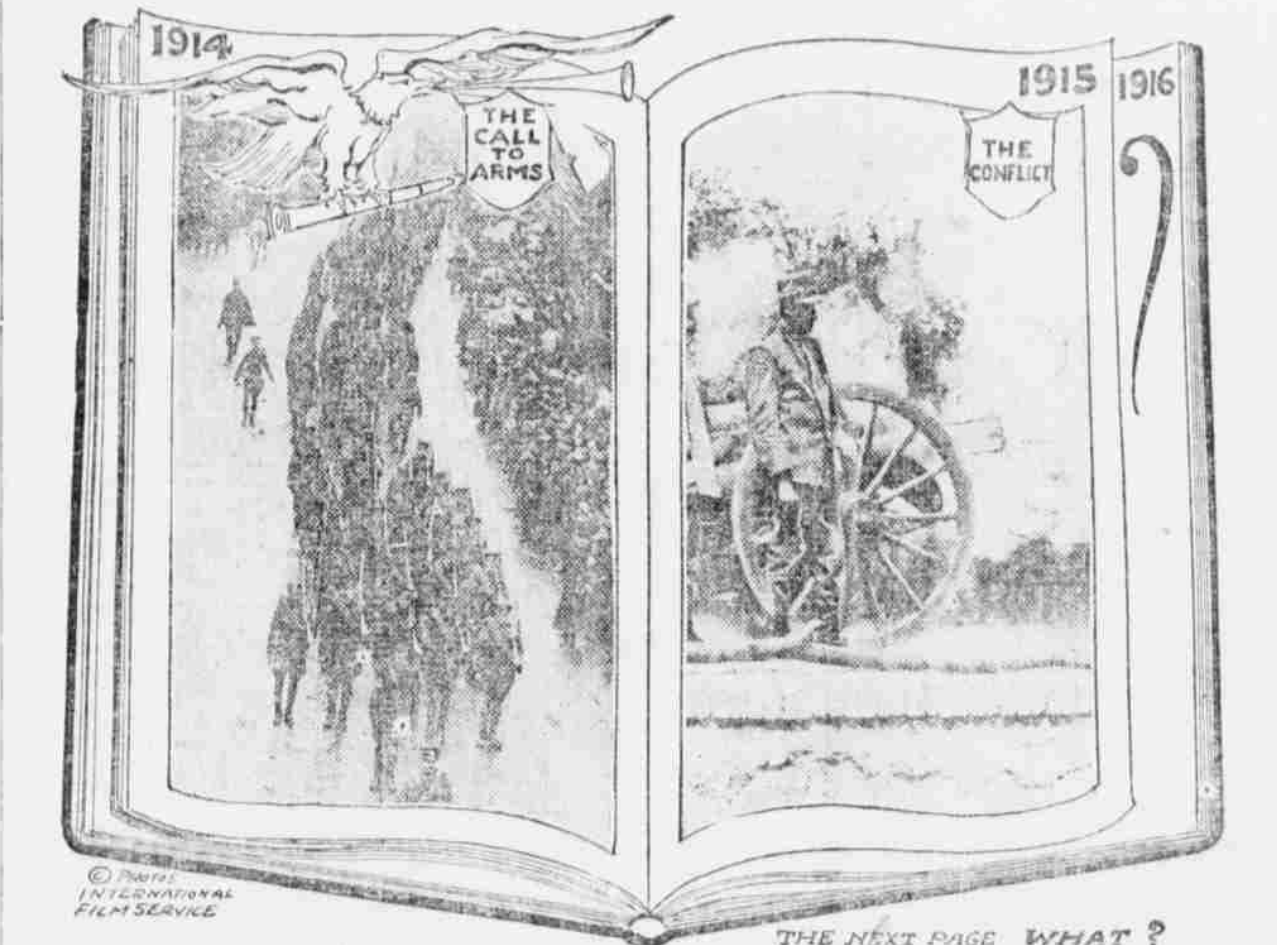
The relation between the cost of crude petroleum and gasoline is hard to determine, according to officials who have given the subject study, because of the varying grades of petroleum and the variety of oils produced in refinement. An increased demand for gasoline, they say, means an increased production with a consequent increase in production of kerosene, lubricating oils and other petroleum products. All petroleum producers have risen in price.

New Discovery. Officials familiar with the situation said today the recent discovery by Dr. Walter P. Rittman, a government chemist, of a process for obtaining from crude oils 200 per cent more gasoline than by old methods, probably would have a bearing on both production and price before another year had passed. Several companies already have started production under the new method. Their output and the output of others to be started, it was said, would be felt soon on the market.

KILLED WHILE FIGHTING FOR COUNTRY BELLE.

Special to The World. MUSKOGEE, Dec. 31.—Walter Robinson, 18 years old, was stabbed to the heart and instantly killed early Friday morning at a country dance, nine miles from Muskogee, as he fought on the dance floor with a rival for the hand of a country belle. Three hours after the killing Edward Taylor Ridenour was arrested as he lay sleeping near his bed and charged with the murder. Ridenour is now in the county jail where he admits

That the Awful God of War Will Not Place His Demons Upon Our Soil Is America's Wish Today



TWO MORE NEGROES KILLED BY WHITES

Blacks Surround House of Farmer, Threatening to Kill Him.

CALL OUT TROOPS?

Trouble Outgrowth of Killing Seven Near State Line Thursday.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 31.—Reports here tonight from Blakely, Ga., where six or more negroes were killed yesterday; said two more negroes had been killed, another negro lodge building fired and that negroes in another part of the county had surrounded the house of a white farmer named Grimsley. A call has been sent to Albany, Ga., for militia. A telegraph operator at Dothan, Ala., said that volunteers have been called for to help rescue H. H. Grimsley and his family, whose lives have been threatened by negroes. Several automobiles left Dothan and Columbia, Ala., for the scene.

Sheriff Howell left Blakely to go to the rescue of Grimsley. The outbreak was in the western portion of Early county near the Alabama line and was said to be the result of yesterday's killing of some seven negroes, growing out of the assassination by negroes of Henry J. Villipine, a white overseer.

Posses, it was said, had been out all day seeking Mike and Ulysses Goodley, negroes, thought to have been burned to death in a cabin yesterday, but later reported to have escaped. The negroes were accused of killing Villipine.

Troops Not Ordered Out. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—Governor Nat E. Harris said tonight that no request for state troops had reached him up to 7 o'clock and that he had received no reports from Blakely on the situation there. Troops could only be ordered out by the governor.

Embargo on Medical Books. LONDON, Dec. 31.—(4:42 p. m.)—According to information received by the foreign office the Prussian minister of war has forbidden the export of books on medical subjects.

THE NEW YEAR.
(By W. R. GIBBERSON.)
Out of the death of the old I spring
Into the new, my birth;
Joy and laughter and song I
Fresh from the fount of mirth.
Let trials and troubles vanish
From thought;
Let joy dispel the fear;
For sorrow is to me as naught—
I am the glad New Year.
Let not your resolutions good
Dependent on me be,
For strength of character is food
That builds sincerity.
And honor is the gold that buys,
No matter where nor when;
Resolutions empty lies
To harass the lives of men.
So lift the curtain of despair
And let the sunshine in;
I am the gladness, bright New Year.

FIFTEEN ARE KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

Dynamite Blows Up in Monterey, Taking a Big Toll of Life.

TWENTY ARE INJURED

Twelve Soldiers Blown to Atoms; Children Among the Dead.

LAREDO, Dec. 31.—Fifteen persons were instantly killed, a score of others injured, some probably fatally, in an explosion which destroyed many railroad cars and other property damaged effected in Monterey, Mexico, yesterday at noon when box cars containing dynamite and land grenades for the Carranza army were exploded.

News of the accident, as first received in Laredo late today from passengers from Monterey. According to the description furnished by them several cars loaded with dynamite and land grenades were stored in the center of a train near cars occupied by the soldiers. The cause of the explosion has not been definitely ascertained, but it is believed that the dynamite was jostled while the cars were being switched, the explosion of the land grenades following immediately.

Twelve soldiers in the adjacent coaches were blown to atoms and their mangled flesh and bones were strewn over the railroad yards. The three other dead were children who succumbed to severe burns. The mother of the children, who was standing by, miraculously escaped death, but received serious burns.

The force of the explosion was so great that several buildings in the vicinity crumbled, which added panic to the scene. As far as known there were few, if any, persons injured when the buildings collapsed. Many persons thought an earthquake was in progress.

THOUSANDS CHASED THE OLD YEAR AWAY

Business District Filled With Merry Crowd Until Morning.

NUMEROUS PARTIES

Midnight Din Was Long and Loud; Theatrical Folk Entertained.

WHAT is expected to be the greatest year in Tulsa's history, 1916, was enthusiastically ushered in at midnight last night by thousands of citizens who crowded the theaters, cafes and downtown streets. Never before was there such a celebration. Whistles of all sizes and operated by both steam and compressed air, were blown loud and long. Eruptions of all kinds were used everywhere, while there were toasting horns and shouting and singing to send the old year, and such a year, merrily on its way.

As early as 8 o'clock the crowds began to congregate in the business district, and the places of the early concert, most of whom attended amusement houses, were taken by as many more who arrived later. Most of the playhouses and motion picture theaters had made special arrangements for the occasion, while cafes and other places for the public were elaborately decorated.

Banquets Were Numerous. There were many banquets everywhere in the city, some of which

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Liquor Interests Control. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Resolutions charging that the excise board of St. Louis county was in the hands of the liquor interests were adopted today by the Democratic central committee of St. Louis county.

The committee declared against a wide open policy toward the saloons. Three members of the committee, including Excise Commissioner Shotwell, walked out of the meeting after they vainly had tried to prevent proxies from voting.

UNION STATION CLOCK AT KANSAS CITY GETS RIGHT NEW YEAR'S DAY. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Preparations were being made here tonight to present travelers passing through Kansas City with a New Year's present in the form of a union station clock that will run. And therein hangs the tale.

The station clock has been the joke of Kansas City's new union station. Its vagaries have caused thousands of travelers annoyance through missing trains.

JURY FINISHES PROBE; NO MORE ACCUSATIONS

Special Grand Jury Concluded Two Months Session Last Night.

SIX OFFICIALS ALL THAT WERE REMOVED

Only One Additional Indictment Yesterday; Score County Jail.

AFTER being in session for two months the special grand jury investigation was concluded finally last night at 8 o'clock when the jurors filed into the district courtroom and returned one more indictment and submitted their report on the two-month session. Judge Chin Lim thanked the members and dismissed the jury. Contrary to expectations no further accusations were made against county or city officials.

The grand jury began its work November 1. The first accusation made was against chief of police Foster N. Burns, who was removed from office. About two weeks ago accusations were made against Mayor Frank M. Wooden and Commissioner Thomas J. Quinn of the fire and water departments. Their suspension from office was ordered immediately, but they have refused to do so in obey the orders. Accusations followed against the marshal and justice of the peace of Skiatook and their removal was ordered.

Justice James Woolley was accused of neglect of duty and ordered removed from office Thursday afternoon. Woolley declares he will not obey the order of suspension and it is said that his attorneys have advised him not to relinquish the office. This was the sixth and last accusation made by the grand jury.

Early Trials Promised. Judge Lim announced to the jury last night that all the accused and suspended officers would be granted early trials and a special term of court has been set beginning January 10. Judge Lim declared he did not expect to clear up the district before May. A new jury commission was appointed yesterday and the personnel includes John T. Cramer of Tulsa, Robert Wallingford of Broken Arrow and A. J. Batts of Skiatook.

In the report made by the grand jury the condition of the Tulsa county jail was declared to be unsanitary and the authorities lax and careless; the county attorneys were reprimanded for neglect in offering the preliminary cases, the school board was mentioned for alleged dilatory tactics in awarding contracts, the city was accused of wasting money in newspaper advertising, and the sheriff's office and police department were accused of neglect of duty.

The report in full follows: We, the grand jury, within and for the county of Tulsa, state of Oklahoma, for the November 4, 1915, term of the district court, with authority vested in us by law, do hereby find and state, begin on the first day of November, A. D. 1915, good and lawful men, legally drawn and summoned according to law, and then and there examined, impeached, sworn and charged with true presentment make of all public offenses against the state of Oklahoma, com-

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Weekly Report of the Federal Reserve Banks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Bills discounted and bought by federal reserve banks during the past week increased about \$1,000,000 over the previous week. The weekly statement of the federal reserve board showing the bank's condition December 29, follows:

Reserves.
Total gold reserve, \$44,963,699; legal tender notes, silver, etc., \$13,525,000; total reserve, \$58,488,699; bills discounted and bought total \$55,381,000; total resources including investments, \$491,116,000.

Liabilities.
Capital paid in, \$54,915,000; government deposits, \$15,000,000; reserve deposits, net, \$100,012,000; federal reserve notes, net, \$11,435,000; all other liabilities, \$7,567,000; total liabilities, \$441,110,000; gold reserve against net liabilities, 84.6 per cent; cash reserve against net liabilities, 37.9 per cent; cash reserve against net deposit liabilities after setting aside 40 per cent gold reserve against net amount of federal reserve notes in circulation, 52.6 per cent.

Deficit Extra Assessment. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—The proposition to increase by 10 cents the assessment against employees of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain railroad system for federal purposes has been

Wilson's First Official New Year Reception

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 31.—President Wilson's first official New Year's reception will be given here tomorrow in the public lounge of the hotel where he and Mrs. Wilson are spending their honeymoon. Word of the reception went forth today and people for miles around are planning to join the Hot Springs winter colony in time to shake hands with the chief executive and his wife.

Two weeks ago the president spent the holiday season in Pass Christian, Miss., and last year there was no New Year's reception at the White House.

The president and his wife played golf today before a large gallery and took an automobile ride over a new mountain road. Later Mr. Wilson spent two hours at work, reading and dictating many letters.

No comment was made by the president on news dispatches saying Austria-Hungary had made a favorable reply to the second note of the United States regarding the sinking of the liner *Arcton*. The president, it is said, will not return to Washington before the middle of next week.

RAILROAD BUSINESS LAST YEAR SLUMPS

Fewer Miles of Road Built Than in Any Year Since Civil War.

NOT MANY NEW CARS

Pennsylvania Leads Country in Largest Mileage of New Track.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Fewer miles of railroad were built in the United States during 1915 than in any other year since 1864 and more miles of railroads were in receiver's hands during the year than ever before, according to railway statistics compiled from official sources by the Railway Age Gazette and made public tonight. There have been only three other years since 1848 in which the increase in railway mileage was less than one thousand miles and those were the civil war years of 1861, 1862 and 1864.

Only 933 miles of new railroad constructed in the United States were 923 as compared with 1,532 in 1914 and 2,071 in 1913. There was also a reduction in the second track-ages built. The largest mileage of new road in one state was built in Pennsylvania, which has constructed nearly eight miles. Oregon was second with eighty-three miles and Washington third with seventy-one miles. Eleven states built no new road at all. Canadian roads built 78 miles of new first track as compared with 1978 in 1914, while in Mexico 36.5 miles were built as against none recorded for 1914.

According to the statistics quoted receivers now hold and operate 25,461 miles of railroad, with a total bonded debt of \$1,607,225,500, and total capital stock of \$747,094,801. The roads in the hands of receivers represent nearly a sixth of the total

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American Doctor Returns. BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Dr. Richard L. Jett of Cleveland, Ohio, who, after serving eight months in the British Red Cross in Serbia, walked two hundred miles to the Greek border, arrived here today on the steamer *Canada* from Naples. When Dr. Jett left Nish the Serbians were outnumbered six to one, he said, and many of the wounded were left in the hospitals.

Big Texas Gas Gusher. CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Dec. 31.—The J. M. Guiffey Petroleum company, operating in the White Point field, seven miles from here, late this afternoon, brought in a gas well with an estimated production of thirty million cubic feet daily. The gas pressure was so strong that the derrick, platform of the derrick and casing were buried a half mile. It is the third gusher for the field and was struck at a depth of 2,200 feet.

Live Stock Receipts Decrease. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Receipts of hogs, cattle and sheep in the Chicago Union stockyards in 1915 numbered 13,555,057 head, a decrease of 496,281 head from the receipts in 1914. The shipments for the year were 1,564,858 head, a decrease of 1,600,279 head in the number of hogs, cattle and sheep shipped out of Chicago in 1914. The prevalence of the foot and mouth disease showed its effect in the decreased receipts and shipments.

Dry Publicity Headquarters. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Publicity headquarters for the national prohibition party were established here today as an outgrowth of the conference here this week by leaders of the party. It was announced at the newly opened headquarters that a national prohibition paper for the dissemination of the party's platform would be published.

Among the Want Ads.

Want to purchase a real bargain in a good driving horse? If of course you will find one advertised.

AMERICAS TO STAND OR FALL AS ONE NATION

A United Pan-America Will Confront the World at End of War.

MUTUAL PROTECTION IS CONFERENCE PLAN

Winning and Losing War Countries Will Be Hostile to United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The place of a united Pan-America in the eventualities which will confront the world at the end of the European war was pictured to the Pan-American Scientific congress today by Director General John Barrett of the Pan-American union.

The delegates were electrified by his prediction of an evolution of the Monroe doctrine into a Pan-American doctrine for a mutual defense against aggression from overseas when he defined such a doctrine as meaning "that the Latin-American republics in the event that the United States were attacked by a foreign foe would with all their physical and moral force stand for the protection and sovereignty of the United States just as quickly as the United States under corresponding circumstances would stand for their integrity and sovereignty."

Wherever the Pan-American delegates gathered the director-general's declaration was discussed with the greatest interest and it was regarded as going to help to Pan-America when this war is over. Immediately there is the reply: "The American republics must stand together for the eventualities that may possibly develop."

Hostile to United States. "Both victor and vanquished in the European war will be hostile to America at the close of hostilities," said he. "The former will say it was in spite of the attitude of the United States and the other American republics, and the latter will say it was because of the attitude of the United States and its sister republics."

"In the minds and thoughts of everybody interested in Pan-Americanism is the question: 'What is going to happen to Pan-America when this war is over?' Immediately there is the reply: 'The American republics must stand together for the eventualities that may possibly develop.'"

While everyone would deplore any agitation or suggestion that a European nation or a group of European nations following this struggle should undertake any territorial aggrandizement in the western hemisphere or in any way take action that would contravene the Monroe doctrine, it must be borne in mind that whatever was this war results there may be little or no hope for the United States and the other nations which form Pan-America.

Mutual Protection. "No matter, therefore, how just and able the nations of America have been in their efforts to preserve their neutrality, the war passions and the raw power of the peoples and the government of the victorious group of nations may force a policy which will demand absolute solidarity of action on the part of the American republics to preserve their very integrity."

"All America will therefore rejoice if this congress shall give the inspiration to such action."

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WILL SEIZE ANY KIND OF MAIL

Great Britain Reserves Right to Examine First-Class Business.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—According to official information supplied to the Associated Press the British government takes the stand that any parcels sent by mail, no matter what class of postage is paid on them, are liable to seizure if they contain goods which under the orders in unmet may not be shipped to or from Germany or her allies.

First class, actual postal correspondence, according to this stand, is inviolable, inviolable on vessels stopped on the high seas and is only subject to British municipal law when carried on ships which voluntarily call at British ports.

Peace Party to Rotterdam. LONDON, Dec. 31.—(4:40 p. m.)—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Copenhagen says that the Ford party probably will sail next Wednesday for Rotterdam on the steamer A. P. Bernstorff.

COULDN'T BE HONEST AND HAPPY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Jeff McCarr, former United States district attorney for the territory of Hawaii, arrived here today and explained that he gave up his position because he could not be both honest and happy. "I was honest and tried to be happy," he said, and added that he would return to his home at Nashville, Tenn. He was appointed by President Wilson two